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BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20224

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Honorable Craig Hosmer
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Hosmer:

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(b)(6) This refers further to your letter of July 26, 1972, concerning an inquiry you received from [REDACTED]

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The memorandum [REDACTED] is referring to is authentic. On April 27, 1971, the OSS Liberator pistol was removed from the category of a National Firearms Act weapon by a letter originating in Bureau Headquarters. This letter stated that the Liberator was primarily a collector's item and is not likely to be used as a weapon and is thereby not subject to any of the controls of the National Firearms Act nor of the regulations, Part 179, issued to implement that Act. On May 10, 1971, the Central Region initiated a memorandum to all Special Investigators within that Region which further disseminated this information.

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The OSS Liberator pistol was issued in .45 ACP caliber; however, a limited number of experimental prototype pistols were manufactured in 9mm Parabellum caliber. Although these variations are infrequently encountered, isolated specimens do exist. It is suggested that you have [REDACTED] contact Mr. Norman F. Strobe, Strobe Gunworks, 4926 420-1556 Marlboro Pike, Coral Hills, Maryland 20027, who would be in a position to furnish him additional information on the existence of 9mm Parabellum caliber OSS Liberator pistols.

We trust the foregoing is responsive to your inquiry and please feel free to contact us if we may be of additional help. Your original correspondence is returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

[TREA Review Completed]

(signed) Rex D. Davis

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Acting Director

Enclosure